

**TOWN OF DUDLEY**  
**ANNUAL FALL 2015 TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Worcester, ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Dudley, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Shepherd Hill Regional High School Auditorium in said Dudley on **Monday, November 2, 2015** and Tuesday, November 3, 2015, if needed, and other such times as may be voted, if needed at 7:00 P.M. then and there to take action on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: (Selectmen)** - To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of the several Town Officers and all Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2: (Selectmen)** - To hear and act on the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance & Appropriation Advisory Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 3: (Town Administrator) Fiscal Year 2016 Supplemental Budget** - To see if the Town will vote to determine the sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds to defray the supplemental charges and expenses of the Town and including debt and interest for Fiscal Year 2016 voted under Article 4 of the May 18, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

(Note: Please See Appendix "A" for Departmental Expenditures.)

**ARTICLE 4: (Selectmen) – Operation of Town Beach-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from free cash to supplement the Beach Gift Account (#0704-000-5784-00) the sum of Six Hundred Forty Three Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$643.78) for Fiscal Year 2016 and Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$8,170.00) for continued operation of the Town Beach, including salaries and expenses, of take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5: (Selectmen) Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Forty Three Cents (\$3,392.43) to pay unpaid bills of a prior year, the or take any other action relative thereto.

Water Department – Webco -	\$ 90.00
Webco -	\$ 90.00
Webco -	\$ 90.00
Webster Electric -	\$ 19.95
Police Dept. -	\$ 172.00
Police Dept. -	\$ 172.00
Rob’s Automotive -	<u>\$ 138.40</u>
<i>Total from Water Retained Earnings -</i>	<i>\$ 772.45</i>

Telegram/Gazette -	\$106.50
Northeast Pump -	<u>\$532.35</u>
<i>Total from Sewer Retained Earnings -</i>	<i>\$638.85</i>

N.E. Office Supply -	\$ 458.37
Casella Waste -	\$ 65.00
Performance Graphics -	\$ 97.00
Peterson Oil -	\$1,240.01
Performance Graphics -	\$ 84.00
Stonebridge Press -	<u>\$ 36.75</u>
<i>Total from Available Funds</i>	<i>\$1,981.13</i>

**ARTICLE 6: (Selectmen) Central Massachusetts Stormwater Coalition** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds to will vote the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) fund Dudley’s portion of the Intermunicipal Agreement for participation in the Central Massachusetts Regional Stormwater Coalition for Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: (Board of Assessors) – Triennial Certification of Property-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) to fund one third (1/3) of the cost of triennial re-certification of real estate and personal property values for FY2018 as required by the Commonwealth’s Department of Revenue, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8: (Selectmen) - Dam Inspections Supplemental Appropriation** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$8,300) for dam inspections and Phase 1 Reports for Merino Pond and Wallis Pond Dams as required by the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9: (Fire Chief) – Fire Station Generator-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$4,995) for repairs to the existing generator at the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10: (Fire Chief) – Remount of Ambulance (A-2) and Exhaust System -** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000) to remount Fire/EMS Ambulance (A-2), and Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300) to make improvements to the Fire Station Vehicle Exhaust system, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11: (Chief of Police) – Police Station Improvements-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of money up to Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000) to cover costs associated with furniture and upgrades to the area formally known as the Dispatch Center, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 12: (Town Administrator) - Fund Capital Improvement Program & Debt Obligations –** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund the sum of Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Forty Cents (\$84,577.40) and transfer from Free Cash the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$39,346.71) for paying the cost of borrowing, including principal and interest, for the following: Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$63,847.31) for a Highway Department Dump Truck and Plow; Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$23,879.90) for a Backhoe, and: Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$36,196.90) Police Cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13: (Selectmen) - Establish Recreation Commission-** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Committee consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen to pursue programs and services which are designed to meet recreational opportunities for Dudley residents, and to accept gift and donations for the same purpose, and further to transfer the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from the Youth Commission appropriation (0419-000-5783-00) to assist the Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14: (Town Accountant) – Fund Snow/Ice Deficit-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$39,750) to fund a deficit in the Fiscal Year 2015 the Snow/Ice Removal Account (#0001-423-5700-02), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15: (Town Administrator) - Add to Stabilization Fund-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 16: (Selectmen) - Fund Employee Merit Pool-** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500) to be added to the Selectmen budget to fund merit increases for department heads and non-union employees for Fiscal Year 2016, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17: (Highway Department) - Highway Department Equipment Purchase –** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Highway Department Road Machinery Fund (#0406-000-5780-00) the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase of a new 1 ton pickup truck with a plow or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 18: (Highway Department) – Highway Road Improvement Funding-** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to the Highway Road Maintenance Account (#0001-420-5740-02), or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 19: (Highway Department) – Highway Expenses -** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds to the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) the for the purchase of new tires for trucks and loaders, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20: (Selectmen) - Authorization to Enter into PILOT Agreement -** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement, said agreement not to exceed 20 years duration and subject to other terms and conditions the Selectmen deem appropriate, pursuant to G.L. C. 59, §38H, and regulations promulgated thereunder, with respect to annual payments in lieu of real and personal property taxes relative to land located at the intersection of Center Road and Farley Road; said PILOT agreement is based upon the proposed construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic power plant with a capacity of approximately 1.3 megawatts and to be executed with Nexamp, Inc. or its successor, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 21: (Selectmen) - Repeal of Sex Offender Residency of the Dudley Bylaws –** To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article 44 of the Dudley Bylaws, Sex Offender Residency in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 22: (Town Clerk) – Failure to License Dogs Fine-** To see if the Town will vote to amend Town By-Law Article 27, section 3, paragraph J by increasing the fine for unlicensed dogs as follows: Any owner or keeper of a dog failing to license by June 15<sup>th</sup> in any year shall be subject to a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per dog in addition to the license fee upon the complaint of the Animal Control Officer or Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23: (Planning Board) - Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic** – To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 3.12.02 – Applicability, by inserting in place thereof the following:

Large Scale Solar Power Generation or Photovoltaic Installations are prohibited in Residential Districts 10, 15, 30 and 87, Commercial District Business 15, Light Industrial District 43 and 87, Conservation District and Floodplain District. Large Scale Solar Power Generation or Photovoltaic Installations are allowed as of right in the Industrial Districts of 43 and 130 and the Town Refuse Disposal District.

This bylaw is not intended to regulate systems of less than 250 KW or roof-top mounted systems. It is not intended to regulate systems that are consumptive power systems where all power that is generated is utilized to power onsite operations.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24: ( Selectmen) – Authorize Power Purchase Agreement-** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL c. 40, §4, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into a renewal of its contract with Constellation New Energy, Inc. for the purchase of electricity, for a period from 12 to 24 months, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen and Chief Procurement Officer deem to be in the best interest of the Town of Dudley; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25: PETITION ARTICLE – Preservation of Historical Records** – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$11,447) for archival preservation of eight (8) town ledgers as follows:

Ledger 1874-1888	\$2,450.00
Selectmen’s Records and Miscellaneous 1888-1913	\$2,303.00
Taxes 1850-59/60	\$1,974.00
Taxes 1840-1850	\$1,750.00
Registrar of Voters	\$ 725.00
Registrar of Voters	\$ 750.00
Subtotal	\$9,952.00
Scanning	\$ 1,435.00
Shipping/Handling	\$ 60.00

**Total Project** **\$11,447.00**

Or take any other action relative thereto.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Dudley Municipal Center and on the Town of Dudley Website and by posting notice of availability of the warrant on one Cable Access Channel.

Warrant to be posted at least fourteen (14) days before holding of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of October in the year Two Thousand Fifteen.

Steven Sullivan, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

John Marsi, Vice-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Fox, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Paul M. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_

Jonathan Ruda \_\_\_\_\_

*Dudley Board of Selectmen*

I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Dudley by posting up attested copies of the same at the Dudley Municipal Center on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ 2015 and Shepherd Hill Regional High School on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ 2015. I also observed it posted on the Town's Website and notice of availability on one the Dudley Cable Access Channel on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ 2015.

Thereby making my return to the Dudley Town Clerk on the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ 2015.

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Constable, Town of Dudley

**Appendix A - Article 3 -  
Details**

**FY 16 Budget Amendment**

<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Source</u></b>
Municipal Buildings - Energy	50000.00	Available Funds
Treasurer/Collector Asst. Salary	19840.00	Available Funds
Bay Path Regional Assessment	18064.00	Available Funds
Treasurer/Collector Group Insurance	16000.00	Available Funds
Town Clerk - Assistant Salary	6147.00	Available Funds
Tree Warden Expenses	5000.00	Available Funds
Town Administrator Expenses	3435.00	Available Funds
Fire Chief Salary	2241.00	Available Funds
BOS Admin. Asst. Salary	2129.00	Available Funds
Town Accountant Salary	1341.00	Available Funds
BOS Floater	1000.00	Available Funds
Building Dept. Admin Salary	972.00	Available Funds
Building Dept Expenses	500.00	Available Funds
Library Expenses	17792.00	Available Funds
Out of District Vocational Students (tuition & transportation)	<u>35000.00</u>	Available Funds
<b>Total</b>	<b>179461.00</b>	